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### Caltrans construction creates commuter crunch

**Bristol access from  
I-5 and 22 freeways  
closed until late '93**

By Doreen Clark  
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA - A \$71.3 million reconstruction project at the interchange of the Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Orange freeways has created havoc for RSC students and staff.

Commuters who normally use the Bristol Street/La Veta Avenue exits on Interstate 5 and State Route 22 must now find alternate routes to the Santa Ana Campus for at least the next two years.

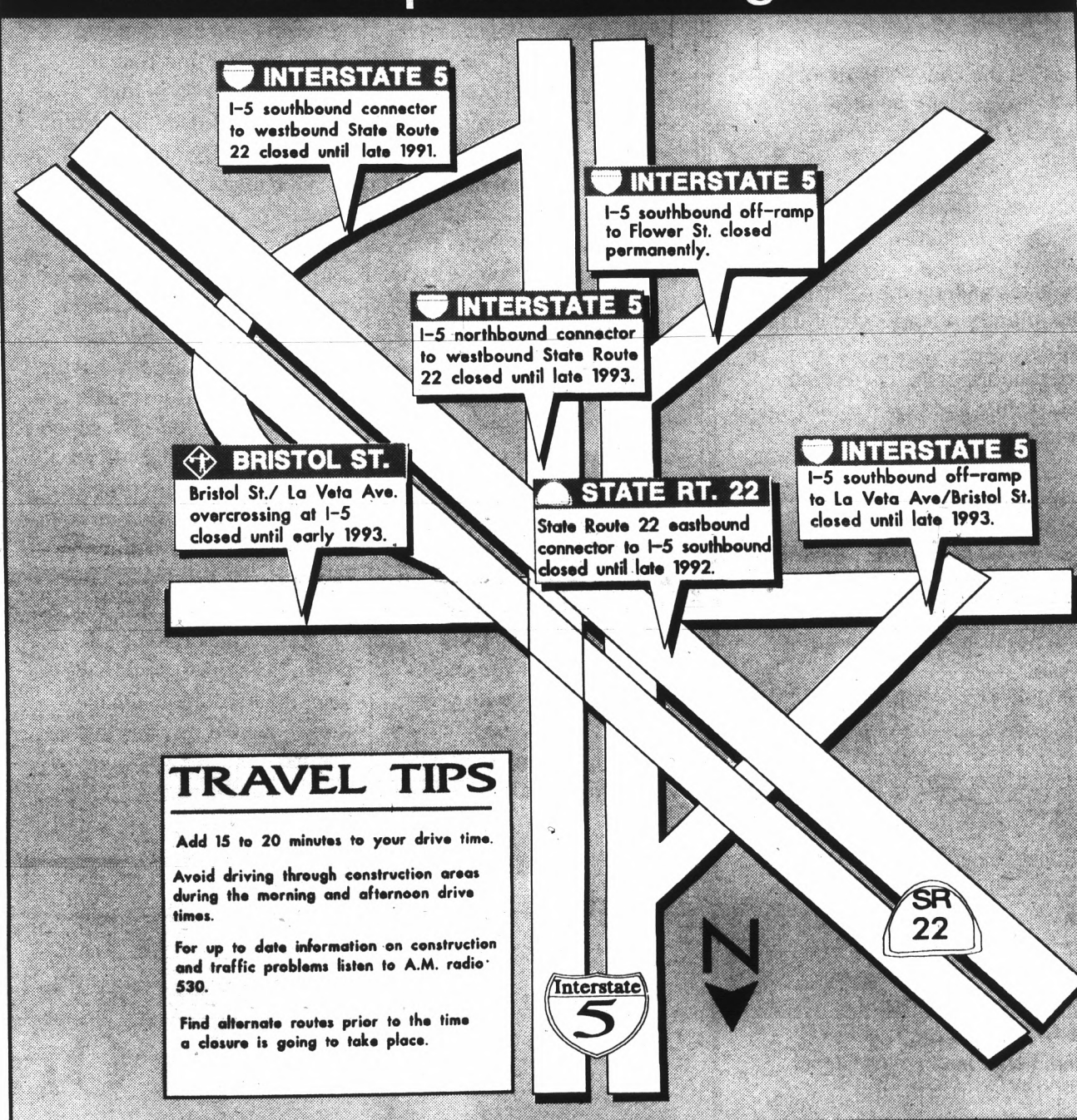
Exits on both the 5 and 22 freeways were closed Monday, Oct. 14, and will not be re-opened until late 1993.

The closures include the westbound SR-22 Bristol on-ramp and off-ramp, and the southbound I-5 Bristol off-ramp. The eastbound ramps both off and on the SR-22 are still open, but Caltrans plans to close these in '92.

Another obstacle for commuters is the closure of the overpass that connects La Veta and Bristol streets over the I-5. This also will remain closed until 1993.

Marked detour routes are provided. Please see, **CRUNCH** Page 3

### The New Improved Orange Crush



### Education

**Board V.P. is  
second trustee  
to resign  
this fall**

By Debi Carr  
el Don Editor in Chief

SANTA ANA-RSC college trustee, John Dowden, one of the original college board members, announced his decision last week to resign from his post in December, a year before his term concludes.

Dowden, 58, an English and literature teacher at Cerritos College, said he had planned on retiring next year from both Cerritos College and the Board of Trustees, when his term was up. However, Cerritos College offered their employees an early retirement incentive.

His interest in serving as trustee, he said, began "when the state decided that all cities should become part of a community college district. Orange and Garden Grove were not incorporated into a district and therefore an election had to be held."

According to Dowden, he decided to run for a seat on the college board because "the Santa Ana Unified School District was too conservative and had turned down federal aid."

Dowden and Carol Enos ran in the 1971 election not only for the opportunity of becoming board members but also to promote interest in building a campus in Orange, he said.

"Orange residents had to vote to tax themselves for ten years to pay their portion of the district liabilities," he said. "I ran against 17 other candidates [for trustee area 3] and had a one in six opportunity to win the election."

According to news sources, Shirley Ralston, RSCCD board of trustees president said, "In my ten years on the Board, I have always relied heavily on John, especially for his advice on educational issues. I have a high regard and respect for his leadership. He has been an enormous asset to the board, and I'm sure we will miss his contributions to Rancho Santiago College."

In 1953 Dowden graduated from

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### County Politics

### O.C. human rights group calls for boycott of Folgers coffee

By F. Colin Kingston  
el Don News Editor

FULLERTON- The Orange County Coalition for Peace and Justice picketed outside the Price Club in Fullerton this week boycotting Folgers Coffee sales in an effort to stop "military death squads" in El Salvador.

Charles Anderson, a spokesman for the group and an evening student at RSC said, "Folgers buys 60 percent of the coffee crop grown in El Salvador. The people who are the coffee growers are the military government - the same people who run the death squads."

"Military in and out of uniform, terrorize the civilian population, kidnap intellectuals, union work-

ers and political opponents. They torture and maim them and return their bodies to their neighborhoods to make an example of them," he said.

OCCPJ also opposes U.S. Government aid to El Salvador which they say runs about \$1.5 million per day. According to Anderson, the boycott has continued for three years on the east coast and efforts to expand the boycott nationwide are now being made.

He added, "it [Price Club] is one of the largest suppliers of Folgers in the area."

Anderson said the boycott efforts have had an affect. Members of the International Longshoremans

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THE LAST DROP- Sam Yanez from the Orange County Coalition for Peace and Justice picketed sales of Folgers coffee at Price Club in Fullerton Saturday in protest of inhumane treatment of Salvadorans.

Shelley Nicholson/ el Don photo



## College Wire

### 22-year old brain surgeon shakes up medical community

PHILADELPHIA (CPS) - Sometimes they call him Doogie, like the whiz-kid doctor on TV. But that's not a problem for 22-year old Dr. Joshua Hirsch.

Hirsch, who graduated at 21 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, has fast-tracked his way into the field of brain surgery. The young prodigy astounded educators when he left high school after the 10th grade and entered Touro College in New York at 14, earning him a B.A. in history in three years with a straight-A average.

"I love the art of medicine," says Hirsch, who says being younger than his associates is not a handicap.

Hirsch says he didn't sacrifice having a good time for hitting the books. "It feels great," he said, "To be frank, I prioritized having a good social life. Happiness is the key in doing anything."

Do patients get concerned when confronted with a fresh-faced doctor? "I noticed once in OB, I guess I was about 19, some of the patients were asking how old I was. I found out later a nurse was telling them."

Hirsch, one of five children from a West Hempstead, New York family insists he's not even the smart one in his family. He says his four younger sisters are "much brighter."

Hirsch graduated at the top of his class at the University of Pennsylvania and is now an intern on his way to specialty in interventional neuroradiology, a new field using non-invasive brain surgery techniques.

### Freshman policies reviewed at Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. (CPS) - The Citadel is undergoing a "healthy evaluation" after its president asked the military school's governing board to review the Fourth Class system.

The system, found at all U.S. military schools, calls for freshmen to follow a rigorous drilling and study schedule and says they should be referred to as "knobs." The system forbids hazing, defined as laying hands on a cadet.

"We just want to make sure that the system is serving what it's supposed to do," said Col. Ben Legare, public relations director.

The system received some recent attention because 57 freshmen have withdrawn from school so far this year. Although that number reflects the yearly average of departing first-year students, the departing students gained more attention because "they are high visibility students as athletes," Legare said.

The school found that one outgoing athlete was punched by another cadet and is trying to identify the cadet who committed the assault.

### Not back in the U.S.S.R.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CPS) - A play previously banned in the former Soviet Union will make its debut at a U.S. college after student actors have spent months working with consultants as well as a director.

For its production of "Dear Elena Sergeenva," Sears Eldredge, chairman of Macalester College's dramatic arts department, asked a Soviet student and a Russian professor who is an expert on Soviet affairs to work with his cast to help them better understand Soviet society.

Eldredge says the play was extremely challenging for his student actors because of its intensity and its message.

The play, written by Ludmilla Razumovskaya in 1980, tells the story of four high school math students who hold their teacher hostage with hopes of getting final exam answers.

The play, which has been performed in the former Soviet Union and Europe since perestroika, will open Oct. 11 at Macalester and run through Oct. 19.

### Corporation to offer bond insurance

WASHINGTON (CPS) - In order to meet equipment and building needs that could cost \$100 billion over the next decade, a government-backed corporation will begin insuring bonds issued by academic institutions.

The College Construction Loan Insurance Association's operating subsidiary, known as Connie Lee, was established by Congress to complement federal grant and loan programs.

### Yale Offers Feminist Theology Studies

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CPS) - Yale University is offering a new major for master's students through its Divinity School. The focus - feminist interpretations of the Bible and theology.

The new concentration consists of 22 interdisciplinary courses in theology, ministry, church history and biblical studies.

Nine faculty members will teach the classes.

"The move also announces to the academic world that there are enough books to support feminist theology studies and that substantial research has been done in this area," coordinator Letty Russell said.

## NOTE THIS

### Gay and Lesbian association forms support group on campus

By Renee Roc McGill  
el Don Staff Writer

JOHNSON CENTER - Coming out of the closet is one of the most difficult decisions a gay or lesbian must face.

Many "closet" gays and lesbians feel that because governor Pete Wilson vetoed AB101, a bill which would have made discrimination against homosexuals in the workplace illegal, he has encouraged their continual denial of publicizing their sexuality.

Chris Matsumiya, adviser to the Gay and Lesbian Associated Student Support club, said, "It's sort of a let down when you're trying to establish a career and now you might not be safe in your job if you come out of the closet."

Matsumiya continued, "The people I've talked to said that no one has to know your sexuality in the workplace. You can keep it a secret. But then you couldn't go to company picnics because you can't bring your lover with you. You can't invite people over to your home unless you have two bedrooms. It's the

subtle stuff that you have to be conscious of so people won't find out."

To assist students on campus with questions and concerns about "being found out", GLASS provides support through its club meetings and group activities.

"Because we're a two-year college, a lot of our club members are young," Matsumiya said. "They are exploring their sexuality and experiencing things for the first-time that they wouldn't do in high school. Confidentiality within the club is very important."

One major problem that students who are open about their sexuality face is acceptance. Barbara Campbell, co-founder and the club's first president, said, "We get together and discuss problems we're having in class, with our instructors, at work, and at home. We support each other by discussing ways of dealing with our concerns."

Providing information is another key element within the club. "We promote AIDS awareness; it's a concern for all students," Campbell said. "We also like to promote other things like the services that are available in Orange County."

Matsumiya added, "There

are lots of gay and lesbian organizations in Orange County. And that's one of the reasons why we're on campus - to let people know that there are support groups."

Campbell continued, "We cannot promote events with alcohol because we are a community college. We don't like to do it anyway, because we don't want to see alcohol used as a crutch. Instead, we promote social activities where interaction occurs without alcohol. What we're trying to show, especially, is that drinking and going to clubs is not the answer."

A recent group activity that the club's members participated in was Knott's Berry Farm's gay and lesbian day.

The club's main goal is to reach out to the students, faculty, and departments. "We want to let people know that we're here," Matsumiya said, "that we're just like everyone else, and that we have the same problems as everyone else."

GLASS meets every Friday afternoon at 12 p.m. in room D-204. For more information, call 564-6210.

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## CRUNCH: project expected to last 6 years

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vided where no closures will occur.

Arrows direct traffic from the Bristol/La Veta area east, down 17th Street to Main Street and north to Orange.

"I was quite disturbed by the overpass closure. I was late to my night class because of it," said Chris Shararian an RSC student who lives in Orange. He also said the off-ramp construction effects his drive to school when he comes from work at Disneyland.

"I can't believe it," was the reply of Cheryl Suzuki when informed of the project's proposed completion date. Suzuki, another resident of the Orange area who normally used the Bristol exit has had to find an alternate route to the Santa Ana

Campus because of the closure. Commuters traveling the westbound SR-22 have three options to reach the Santa Ana Campus from the Orange area.

First, use the Main Street exit and go south down Main to Santa Clara, turn right and proceed down to Bristol and make a left.

Another choice is to exit the City Drive and go south to Memory Lane, go east to Bristol and turn right.

Finally, drivers may exit Haster [westbound 22] turn left to Garden Grove Boulevard, left to Fairview Street, turn right and proceed south to 17th Street and go east.

The closures are part of the massive expansion of I-5 that started in 1988 at the El Toro "Y".

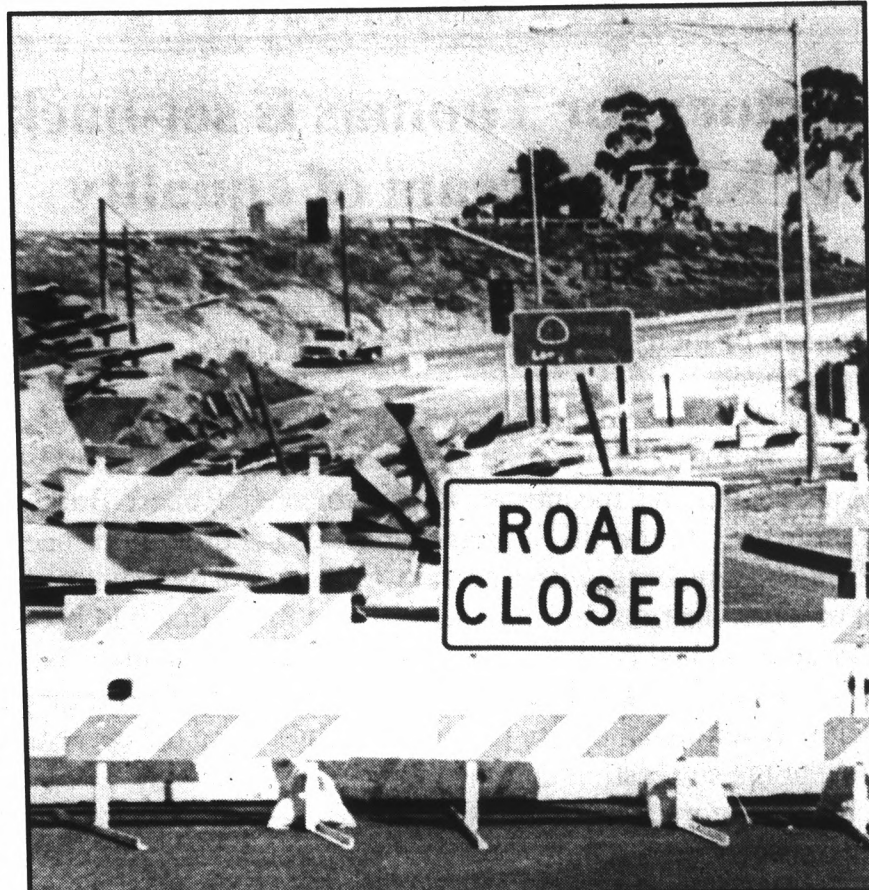
This stage of the project is to reconstruct the I-5, SR-22 and SR-

57 interchange. The reconstruction will add an additional three lanes in both directions on the I-5, make improvements to ramps and connectors on all three freeways, and will construct a carpool lane transitway with entrances and exits between freeways that are separate from "mixed-flow" traffic lanes.

Completion of these additions and improvements is planned for early 1996.

According to Caltrans the interchange is used by nearly 500,000 vehicles each day which makes it the fifth most traveled interchange in the nation.

Funding for reconstruction of the interchange comes from the state gas tax increase, Proposition 111, which was approved by California voters in 1990.



David Thomas/el Don photo

CALTRANS CRIMP- Commuters must navigate around construction until 1996, when the entire Orange Crush interchange will re-open.

## PROTEST:

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Warehouse Union, who unload cargo ships up and down the west coast, supports the boycott and refuses to unload Folgers Coffee from incoming ships. Numero Uno, a national pizza chain, also supports the boycott and does not purchase Folgers Coffee for any of its stores.

According to Anderson, Price Club officials have ignored the OCCPJ's request to stop selling Folgers Coffee.

The OCCPJ appealed to Folgers asking them to stop buying Salvadoran coffee. In a written response Folgers officials said, "We don't believe a boycott of Salvadoran coffee beans is the right way of reaching that goal [ending the death squads]. We believe peace talks are the best way to achieve a just and lasting peace in that country."

Anderson said Folgers officials told him, "We do not consider this a closed issue. We are open to any new information that might shed additional light on this subject."

In a written statement, officials of Proctor and Gamble, parent company to Folgers, said, "We know of no evidence which links our coffee purchases to any wrongdoing in El Salvador. We believe our continued purchase of Salvadoran coffee is in the best interest of the people of El Salvador, many of whom depend on coffee growing for their livelihood. All major U.S. coffee brands contain some Salvadoran coffee. Folgers has been singled-out as the sole boycott target."

Anderson said his group plans to continue boycotting in an effort to "stop the wholesale murder of innocent citizens."

Officials of Price Club could not be reached for comment.

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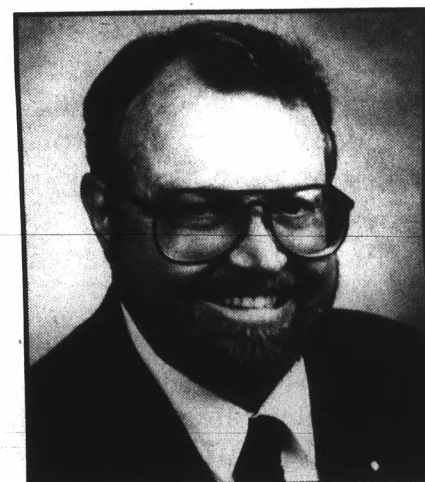
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RSC, then known as Santa Ana College. He earned his bachelor's degree in English and journalism in 1957 and received his master's in English from San Jose State University in 1958. Dowden has also completed graduate work at UC Irvine, and California State Universities at both Fullerton and Long Beach.

Dowden's wife, Diane, is retir-

ing as an English educator from Cerritos College also. He said that short term goals are to travel and possibly live in England for sometime.

An ex-reporter/ editor for the Orange County Evening News, and adviser to the student paper at Cerritos College, Dowden said he plans to return to journalism. "I write non-fiction...but I am not interested in anything full-time right now, I want to try retirement first."



Trustee John Dowden

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## Staff Editorials

## Victory for Thomas is set-back for King's dream of equality

Martin Luther King, Jr., dreamed of a day when Americans would "not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." Unfortunately, that day has not yet arrived.

The US Senate confirmed Clarence Thomas for several posts, including a life-time appointment to the US Court of Appeals. In the meantime, it had rejected Robert Bork's nomination to the US Supreme Court and another nominee, Douglas Ginsburg, withdrew rather than lose a Senate vote. Yet when charges far more serious than those that had been brought against Bork or Ginsburg, are brought against Clarence Thomas, he charged the Senate Judiciary Committee with "lynching an uppity black man," for having the nerve to accept his suggestion that the charges be investigated.

We hope that is not an example of the kind of reasoning Thomas will use while sitting on the Supreme Court.

We find it hard to believe that President Bush did not take race into consideration when he nominated him to replace the high court's only black justice. That's just too much of a coincidence.

We find it far more reasonable to believe Bush appointed a black to fill Thurgood Marshall's seat because he could thereby deflect some of the criticism that his appointment of an ideologue would normally--and quite deservedly--have received. Bush's strategy seems to have worked.

Senators whose record on civil rights is far better than that of Bush or Thomas caved in when Thomas raised the charge of racism.

The result of those Senators' fear of being accused of racism is that we now have a new Supreme Court justice whose views are so far to the right that even the old segregationist Strom Thurmond--that relic from another era--could not merely acquiesce in his nomination but actively work for his confirmation.

## Since when does everything have to be a racial issue?

We have two things to say in response to the letter accusing us of being racist.

First, a person's membership in a racial or ethnic group (or other "minority group") does not somehow give him or her immunity from criticism. Second, people should be allowed to express views which differ from one's own.

We certainly would never say that Clarence Thomas or anybody else was unfit for the Supreme Court *because* of his race or color and, in deed, the editorial that has so upset our reader did not even mention anybody's race or color. But we also don't think that anybody's race is a sufficient reason for being on the high court. For the reader to charge us with racism because we opposed a nominee who happens to be black is as ludicrous as our charging him with sexism for criticizing an editor who happens to be a woman.

Far more serious, to us, however, is the suggestion that our editor should be kicked off campus for allowing an editorial to be published which our reader doesn't like. Perhaps our reader should read the Constitution that Thomas, and the other members of the Supreme Court, are charged with defending.

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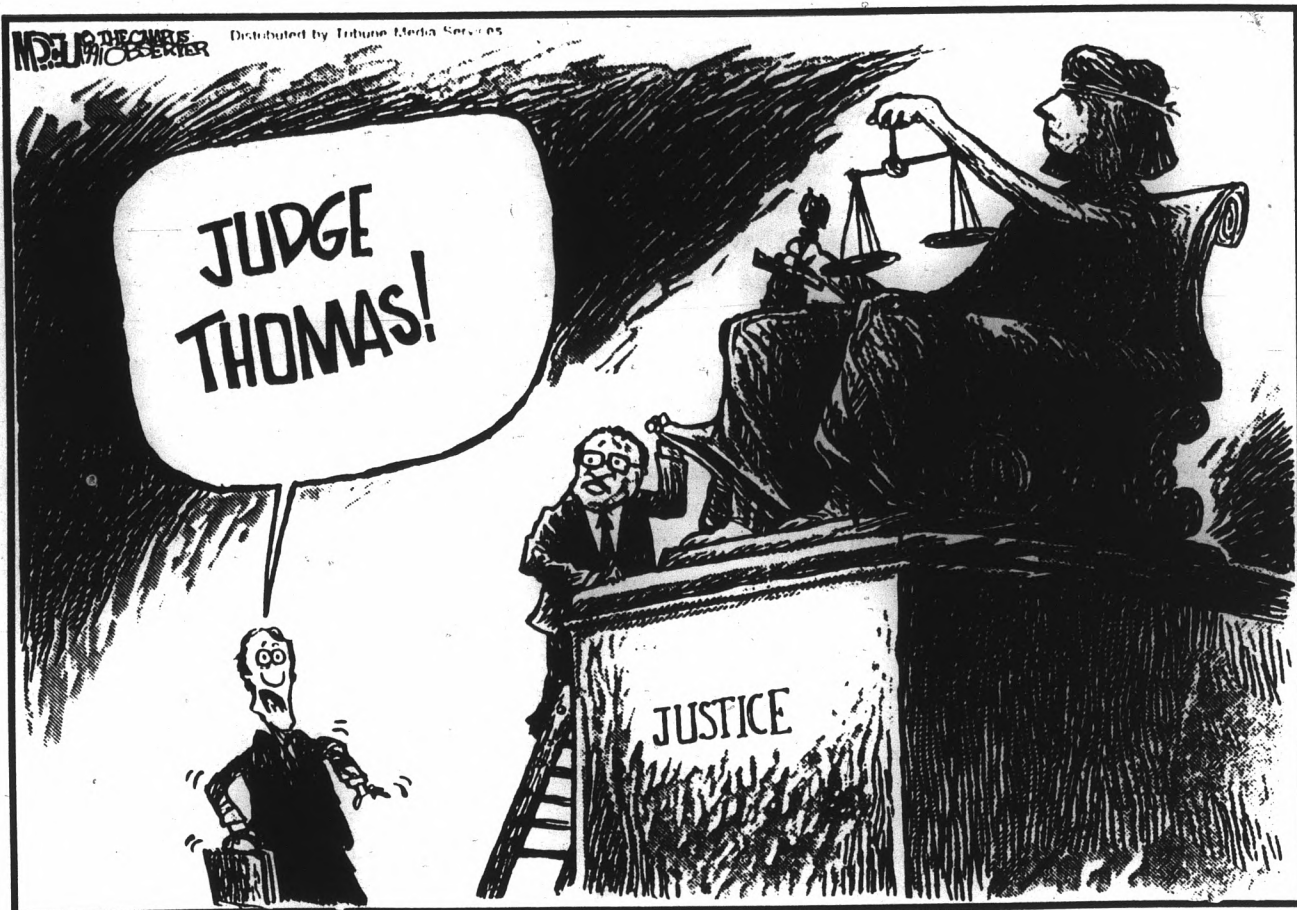
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## Musings on diverse subjects

PAUL D. HUGHES

Two days after the tragedy in Killen, Texas, the House of Representatives rejected a bill banning automatic weapons.

There must be a simple recognition of the following: if a man in this country wants a gun, he will get one.

More laws will not affect criminals and psychopaths. Instead, put teeth into what we already have. Stiff prison sentences, tough judges and enforcement are what is needed.

Laws are instituted to protect the law-abiding citizens of this country. A criminal has served notice that he no longer desires to be included under that heading.

Sexual harassment is low, vile and disgusting and speaking as a man to the scum out there doing

this, the rest of us would favorably regard your growing up.

Man is supposed to be thoughtful and intelligent, with a great capacity for doing things right. Males have not been holding up their end of the bargain of late.

Sexual harassment reinforces the image of women as being worth less than men. Why respond to them on the same level if we can degrade them, right guys???

And people wonder why I don't believe in the innate goodness of men, or in evolution, both of which are shown to be lies by the "neanderthal" behavior of men in the workplace.

A final note on Clarence Thomas.

Suffice to say: Natural Law exists. You do not have to like it, but you don't have to like gravity either.

Robert Bork went before the

Senate and rationally answered all questions put before him. He was destroyed, which demonstrated for all and sundry that we are not interested in a scholar.

Thomas went before the same committee, shadow-boxed with them until they got tired and exasperated and lashed out in desperation. And he got confirmed.

As I said, Natural Law exists. If not, whence comes your ideas of right and wrong? With no moral standard we have only personal preference. Which means that Hitler himself cannot be criticized because after all, "There are no moral absolutes" and "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere."

Another great black man was fond of quoting Thomas Aquinas on Natural Law, much as Clarence Thomas is. That other man? Martin Luther King.

## Letters to the editor

## Is el Don racist?

Dear Debra Lynn Carr (Editor in Chief): EL DON NEWSPAPER HAS MADE A RACIST ATTACK ON A BLACK MAN. Your newspaper is so far to the left that you'll make even RACIST statements to get your view across.

You said (or allowed to be said in Oct. 11, 1991 issue) the black man, Clarence Thomas is not intelligent enough to be on the Supreme Court. Clarence Thomas couldn't have gone as far as he has if he wasn't intelligent. Your [sic] making the same racist remarks that bigots have been saying for years about the black man.

Only people of low intelligence, would make flippant Racist remarks about a black man, just to get their own ideology across.

I not only believe that you don't have enough intelligence to run a newspaper on our campus, but you should be kicked off the campus for making bigoted and racist comments about an intelligent black man such as Thomas.

Sincerely [sic],  
Robert Garcia

## Comment on natural law

Dear Editor:

Just one comment regarding your thought provoking editorial on natural law and the Thomas nomination [Oct. 11].

We need to keep on searching for any natural laws that might be identifiable in every field, including govern-

ment, for the same reason that the physicist looks for them. They are the only ones that will WORK.

Sincerely,  
Rolland E. Boepple

## Trashy campus deplored

Dear Editor:

As I walked from Dunlap Hall to the cafeteria on a recent hot afternoon, I was accosted by the sight of the discarded refuse of the students, faculty, staff, administrators, and visitors on our campus. There were cups with liquid left in them; wrappers from the cafeteria, vending machines, and fast food windows; plates and plastic silverware; discarded scratch paper; empty hair spray and mousse cans; cigarette butts and packages; and many other types of garbage. There was trash in the planters, on the grass, on the walkways, and on the tables around campus. I counted 15 cups sitting just outside two classrooms on the first floor of Dunlap Hall. All of this trash was within 30 feet of a trash can; most of it much closer.

I find it thoroughly unbelievable that the people who discarded these items could not walk over and toss them into the cans. Are those items left by accident? Are they left because the trash cans were not visible? Please, somebody give me an explanation for this wanton disregard for the beauty and cleanliness of this campus. Do these people leave their trash lying around

their homes or the homes of those that they visit?

The trash mess doesn't even stop outdoors. As a part-time employee of the college, I use the women's restroom on the first floor of Dunlap Hall on a regular basis. The only time that this restroom is semi-clean is within 30 minutes of the janitor's daily visit. There are used paper towels, used and unused pieces of toilet paper, notebook paper, food wrappers, and many more things too disgusting to mention found on the floor of this bathroom.

As a graduate (and current part-time student), I know how active many students are on issues such as the environment. However, these same activists are completely ignoring a major problem right here on this campus.

Wake up people; take your unwanted items over to that trash can and toss them!!! If you miss when you throw away your used paper towel or empty soda cup, bend over, pick it up, and try again! Let's keep this campus clean.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen S. Gutierrez

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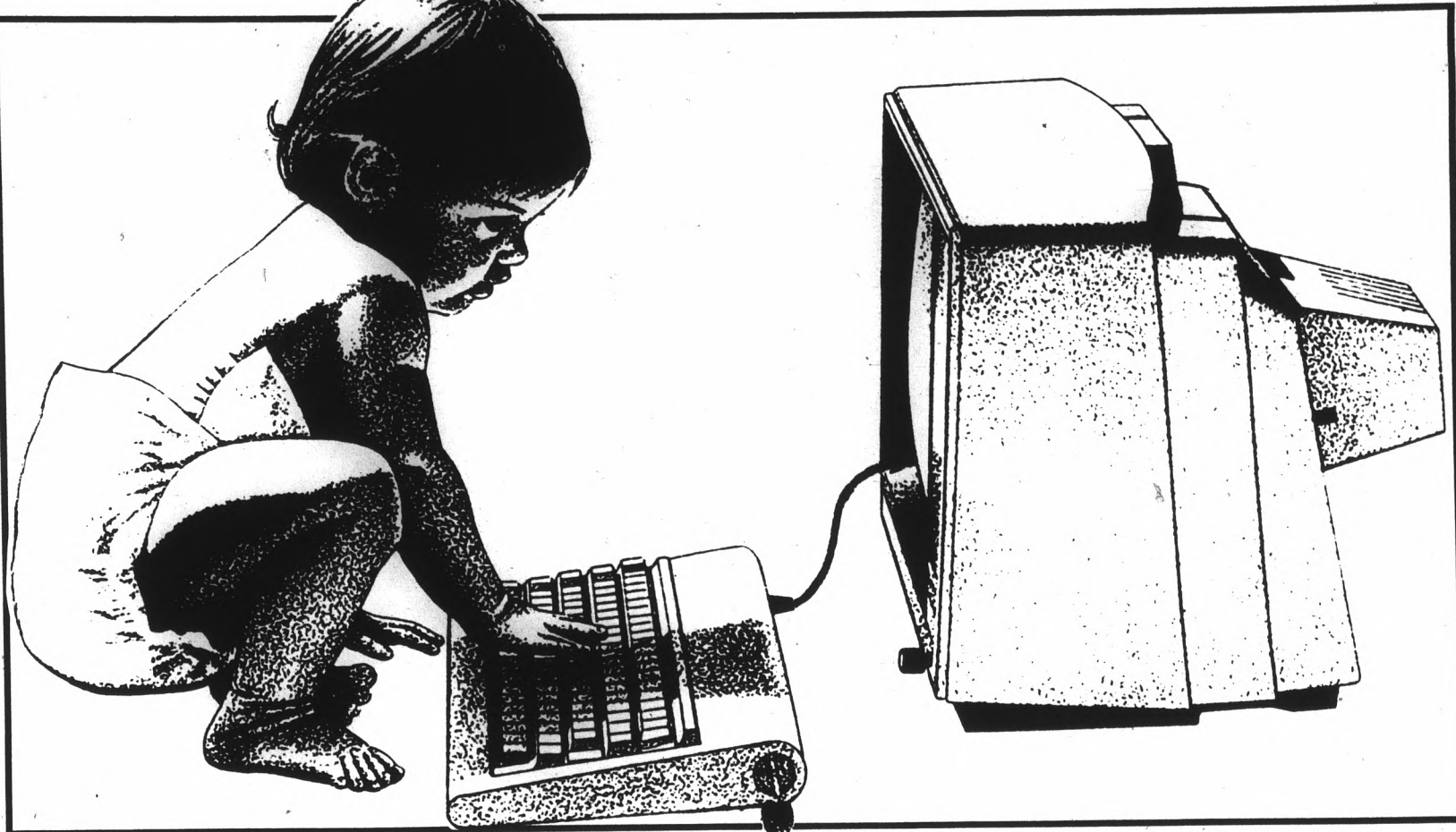
You have entered the new age of the technology of machines. Your life, whether you believe it or not, is run by computers. The age of "Big Brother" has been lurking around the corner for a long time and has now totally arrived. Believe it!

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We are fast approaching a cashless as well as a personless society. You can pump your gasoline at the station without talking to anyone or exchanging dollars and cents. Just insert your card into the slot. It will, for a nominal fee, allow you to pump your gas and at that same time, process the transaction with your bank. A whole new ball game.

You can pay some bills directly from your home computer using a modem. Let's say you want to pay your bank credit card bill. You know, for the gas you pumped yesterday. All you have to do is dial into your bank's computer, enter your account number using a specified security code only you and the bank know and specify the amount, to whom and when you want the bill paid. The information will travel through your phone lines from your home to your bank. There, electronically, the bank will make a payment on your credit card in the amount of your choice and at a date you have specified.

Your local grocery store uses coupons, but not the old fashion kind. The Universal



Product Codes are now printed on the manufacturer's cents-off coupons and are scanned by the in-store computer, which has simplified the procedure for their cashiers, who can now work harder to get more people through the lines faster.

Without leaving the comfort of your easy chair, you can communicate with your stockbrokerage, arrange for tickets to the theater, make arrangements for your vacation and get confirmation for your hotel and flight. The sky's the limit.

Whether you survive or not in this age of technology depends a lot on how you deal with the computerized machines at hand and the functions they perform. Forget locking them out of your life, they're here to stay. But, watch out, if you're not careful, you will find yourself very lonely. Don't make the mistake of losing your interaction with people.

What you need to do is come up with a survival kit. First of all, you must accept the things that have to be done by computer.

Don't scream at the bank because they do things electronically. Get used to it. Second, make sure you have the command of the workings of a computer. Take an introductory course in computers. Once you learn how to use a computer, a lot of the mystery will disappear and it can become a "user friendly" tool which is there to make your life easier.

Whatever you do, remember you have a friend out there. Learn to use it correctly and learn to love it! It loves you.

## Sexual harassment charges will not go away very quickly

W. S. THOMBLISON

Judge Clarence Thomas is right about one thing—charges of sexual misconduct are hard to prove, hard to disprove, and are likely to damage the reputation of the accused, even if innocent.

The press has a double standard. Most reputable newspapers, and even many of the sleazy ones, will not print the name of an alleged rape victim, but will not hesitate to name the—presumably innocent—alleged perpetrator. Most of us do not know the name of the woman involved in the recent, celebrated Palm Beach, Florida, rape case, but we do know the name of the man she accused, and the name of his politically prominent uncle. Likewise, we do not know the name of the black beauty-contestant who charged a prize-fighter with rape but anybody who reads the papers knows who the prize-fighter is. Lesser degrees of sexual misconduct are generally treated in the same way.

This has at least one unfortunate consequence. A woman can damage a man's reputation by publicly charging him with rape or other sexual misconduct, without risking any public humiliation herself. Once the smear is spread across the pages of broadsheets, tabloids, and news magazines, and broadcast on radio and TV, she can quietly, and anonymously, drop the charges, knowing that in the court of public opinion "where there's smoke there's fire" is a more potent principle than "innocent until proven guilty." Just the threat of airing the charges can be an effective tool for blackmail.

I have no reason to believe that the woman in the Florida case, the beauty queen, or Professor Anita Hill are lying. In the first two cases, however, I also have no reason to believe that they are telling the truth, if only because there is no way of knowing their reputations or possible motives.

Anita Hill did not want her name to be made public, but she also did not want her

charges to be made public. Apparently, she hoped that, when privately confronted with her charges, Thomas would withdraw from consideration for a position on the Supreme Court, something which, given the amount of opposition he faced from other quarters, he could have done without a hint of scandal.

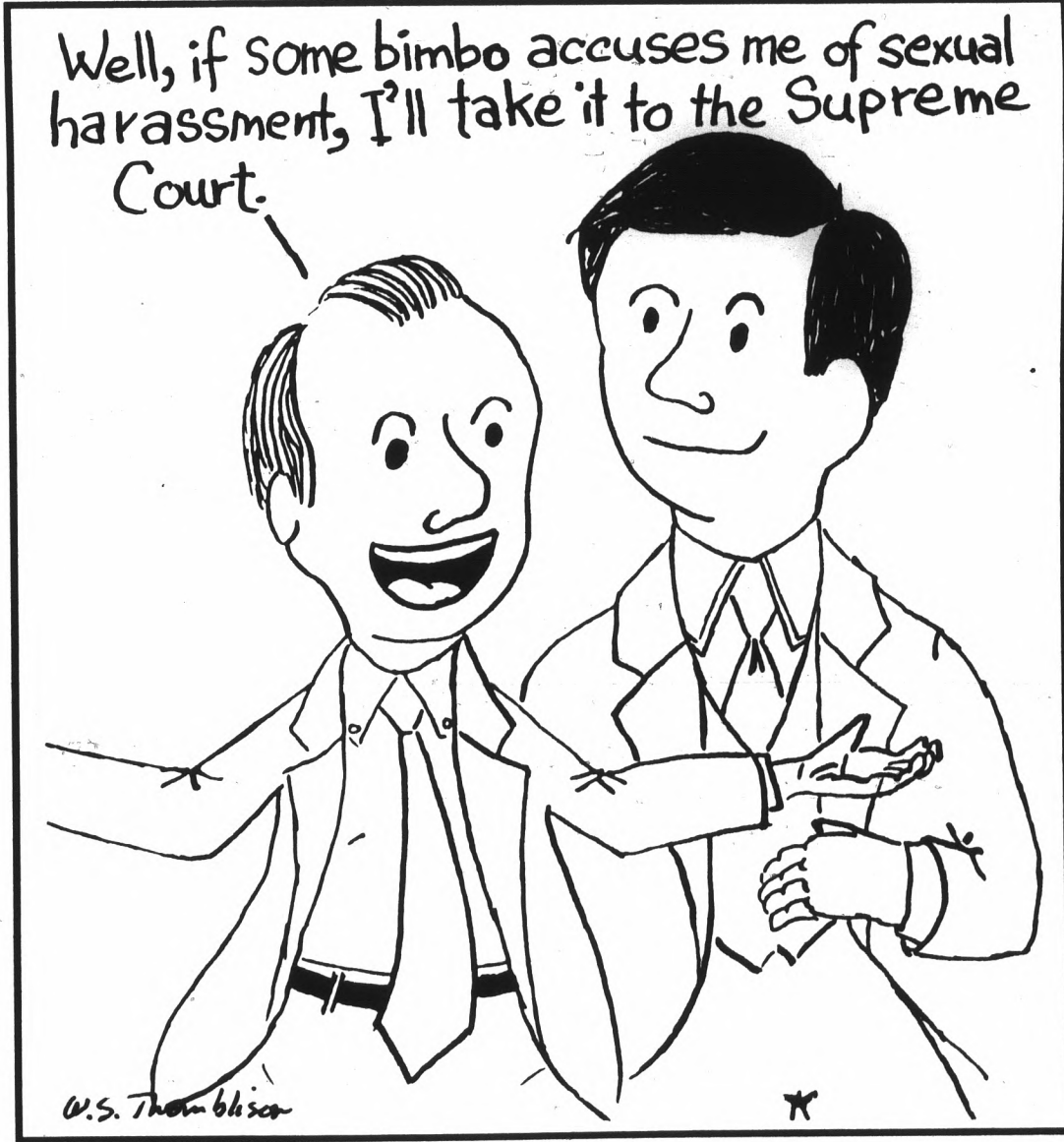
This is a point in her favor: we cannot say that she was simply out to publicly humiliate the man.

But it does not mean that she is telling the truth. It might be that Hill believed that Thomas, recognizing the truth of the charges, would decide that the jig was up. But it could just as well be that she believed that he, knowing that the vote would be close anyway, would decide to be content with a life-time appointment to the US Court of Appeals, rather than have his reputation permanently damaged in a (most likely vain) attempt to defend himself from scurrilous charges.

Thomas did not back down. But that also does not point either way. He, too, did not think that the charges would be made public. He might, knowing the charges to be false, have refused to be intimidated; or, knowing the charges to be true, he might have believed that his denial would nevertheless be enough, since his victim was reluctant to go public with her charges and at any rate could not possibly prove them.

Once the charges were made public, by a leak to the press, things changed considerably. Hill could have refused to pursue the matter any further, and things would have quickly died-down. This certainly would have been the wisest course of action if she had made the whole thing up, and might well have been the most prudent course even if the charges were true. The "second assault" that victims of sexual abuse must undergo if they publicize their charges would be enough to justify her withdrawal.

When Hill did not withdraw, however, Thomas had to deny her charges. To admit them not only would have cost him a pos-



sible seat on the Supreme Court but would have jeopardized his seat on the Court of Appeals.

Even Hill's detractors can find no plausible reason for her to be lying, but that does not mean she's telling the truth. Thomas had a strong motive for denying her charges, whether true or not, but that doesn't mean he's not telling the truth.

We'll probably never know for sure who was lying—and whether anybody was telling the truth. But the Thomas affair may affect the way men and women relate to each other, especially in the work place, the way charges

of sexual harassment are handled, perhaps even the way the Senate conducts its business.

The Thomas affair may even change the way the press conducts its business. In a recent Orange County court case two women accused their mother of sexually abusing them as children. The alleged victims and the alleged perpetrator alike were shielded behind pseudonyms. If we cannot, or should not, identify alleged victims of sexual misconduct, then we should not identify the alleged perpetrators, either—not until they have been found guilty.



**W**hen RSC security responds to a call by saying "we're rolling," they mean it. But some of these guys don't drive fancy police cars- they are on bicycles.

By placing students on bikes to patrol the campus, J.R. Johnson, chief of district security, is hoping to keep visibility high while fighting back against the college's crime rate.

Bike patrols provide increased coverage of the campus and extra mobility; an action that deters potential criminals from vandalizing cars.

Jay Claxton, who patrols by bike said, "The problems haven't been too critical so far. With students patrolling the parking lots, criminals who have any intention to steal or cause harm may be discouraged when security becomes visible."

According to Johnson, patrolling on bicycles has substantially helped monitor the campus.

"The security on bikes has helped campus officers patrol buildings and extra areas not normally patrolled," Johnson said.

By notifying campus officers on their dispatch radios, students who patrol on bikes can report more misconduct occurring on campus than officers who patrol in cars or on foot.

Johnson said that students on bikes will not only provide security around campus but also provide awareness of the possible dangers that can happen.

However, the office of district safety said that security on bikes and campus officers alone cannot be the only deterrent for crime. Students and faculty need to help security by taking those initial steps of being constantly aware of their surroundings.

Joe Garza, who also patrols on bike, said that it is hard to really know what kind of person can be harmful. "They (any criminal) can look like a clean-cut student who happens to walk by a car and decide to steal a radio."

The trend of having officers on bikes has reached such places as U.C Davis, Las Vegas, and nearby Newport Beach.

Johnson said, students interested in applying for a position with the district security and safety department should complete an application at the student employment office. Applicants are then evaluated to see how they would react under various circumstances.

He added, patrolling on bikes is a good pre-requisite for students who are majoring in criminal justice or wanting to enter a police academy. It helps them gain experience in dealing with criminal activity.

Unlike many jobs on campus, he said, student security officers who patrol the area on bikes may at times become involved in high risk situations.

But risky or not, many of the student security officers enjoy their jobs.

Garza added, "This is a good job [to have] while going to school. I can help out my family, too."



IN ACTION - Joe Garza uses his radio and bike to improve his coverage and mobility on RSC's main campus.

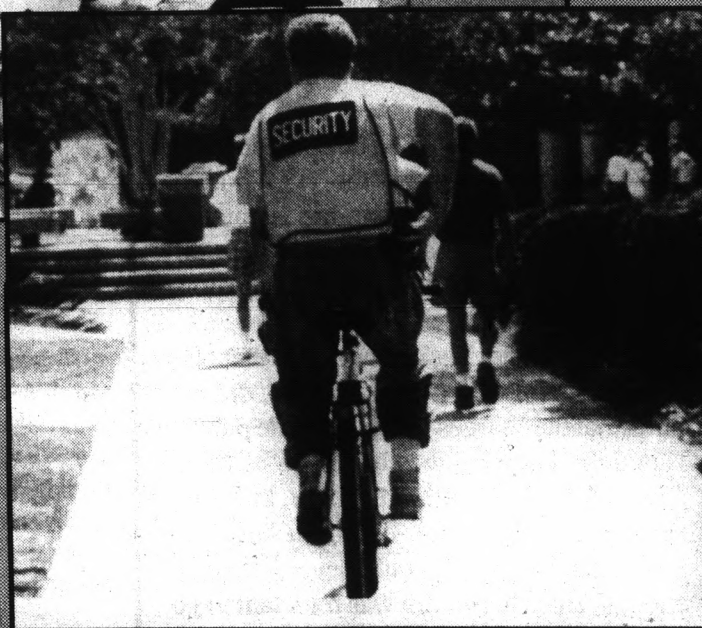
## A Wheel Good Breakthrough in Fighting Crime

In order to boost officer visibility and lower campus crime RSC has taken a new turn in law enforcement

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ON THE MOVE - Hahn Le pedals around campus with a flag attached to his bike so he may be more visible to the campus community.



BOTTOMS UP - Jay Claxton said that one aspect he would change about his job would be to get "more comfortable seats."

CAUGHT IN THE ACT - Security officials hope that the additional officers will help to decrease on-campus crimes.





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## THEY SAID IT...

"The only intimidating thing is when you're in the final quarter and you're only up by one goal. Then I know I can't let the other team score."  
- 'Magic' Ahmadi, Dons' waterpolo goalie with over 200 saves in the season

## IT'S A FACT

Despite the Dons' losing record this season of 1-4, their loss last week to Pasadena City College was the first time this year that a team has statistically out done RSC.

Paul Hughes

## Are you ready for roundball?

Two years ago, under the leadership of head coach Dana Pagett, the RSC men's basketball team went 32-5 winning the California Community College Basketball Championships, last year they upped their record to 35-2 and repeated as State Champs. But Pagett is far from content on resting on his laurels.

Pagett is in his tenth year at RSC. In four of the last five years his teams have been ranked in the top ten statewide. "We put a lot of pride into not only winning," he says, "but into putting together good solid teams. We take pride in the players and the effort they put forward."

The players last year were certainly something to be proud of: Corie Blount, co-MVP of the Orange Empire Conference, California state player of the year and voted best JC basketball player in the country by Basketball Times, is now at the University of Cincinnati. His former teammate and the other Orange Empire MVP is also his teammate at Cincinnati: Erik Martin.

Pagett's son Brett, who served as a guard on last year's team plays for the University of Washington.

This year's team is also promising, according to Pagett. "We're looking forward to a good season - a very good year. We've got some new faces, one returning starter and everyone is working very hard."

Although the starting line-up has not been set, Pagett mentions some of the teams hard workers. "Daryl Cole and Elton Moore were back-up forwards last year and they are back. Glen Greene is the returning starter and Carlton Oliver, who redshirted last year, will also play."

Despite the intimations of immortality a 35-2 record can generate, Pagett is the first to give credit where it is due; RSC's opponents offered more than ample resistance.

"We had two very close games with Cypress in league play," he says, "L.A. City College was leading until the final eight minutes in our 3rd round game last year, and in the state final we beat Long Beach City by three points."

Pagett relates that RSC certainly had its share of games where they were clearly the better team, but that there were many moments when the team as a whole was "challenged" and had to "rise to the occasion."

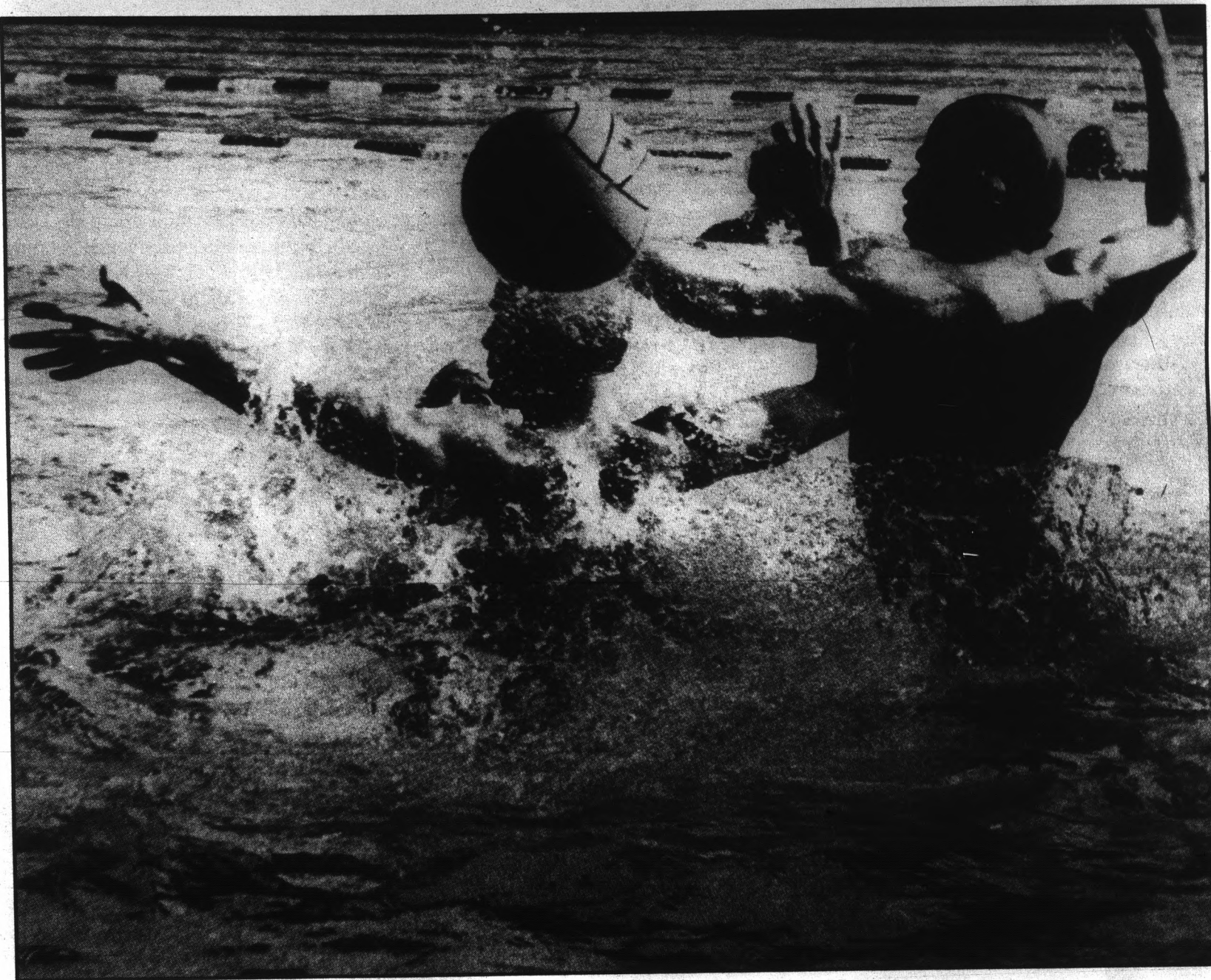
The sports information directors of the Orange Empire Conference have picked RSC to win the division. But through it all, Pagett maintains a sense of perspective.

Pagett sees work ahead of him if RSC is going to perform to the level it has achieved over the last two years. "This year's league could be similar to the situation three years ago where five of seven teams won at least 20 games."

RSC's first game is November 15 against Mira Costa.

"And if all goes well," says Pagett, our season won't end until March - after the finals."

## IN-DEPTH



## Staying afloat in rough waters

The Dons' waterpolo team is using tight defense and hot scoring to make waves in a tough division.

By Renee Roc McGill  
el Don Staff Writer

Now that the mens waterpolo team is approaching the end of their season, one word could easily describe their accomplishments for the year - commendable.

Bobby Gaughran, substituting as head coach while his father is on sabbatical, guided his team into fourth place in conference, "a big jump," according to Gaughran, "considering we placed last in the '90 season."

Gaughran credits the success of their season on their defense. "Our key has always been defense, because we really don't have a big offensive team. We don't have those big shooters. We've got a lot of small guys, so we keyed in on playing a tough defense."

"Magic" Ahmadi, freshman goalie with over 200 saves this season, describes his version of a tough defense: "The only intimidating thing is when you're in the final quarter, and you're up by only one goal. Then I know I can't let the other team score."

Gaughran continued, "I feel that our defense is our strongest area. Offense can take care of itself." And that it does.

Sophomore Mark Delvaux, a leading driver, is ranked in the state's top five for his accumulation of over 70 goals this year. Delvaux said his personal best was against Fullerton college. "We were the underdog against Fullerton, but

we beat them in sudden death, 15-14. I scored eight goals that game."

Although the men have accomplished their realistic goals of defeating teams they should have beaten, teams who are ranked equal to or below Rancho, such as El Camino and Palomar, Gaughran expressed concern about overcoming a few stumbling blocks.

"We've had lapses in fundamentals, the basic skills of passing, shot selections, reaction time to the ball, and coming back to play defense," he said. "We'd really play well, then we'd have these lapses and that would be a problem."

He continued, "We're missing outside shooters. We're missing people who really want to get out there and shoot hard. Also, I want the guys to react to the ball quicker, not just watch the ball, but watch the flag and go to where the referee is pointing. Those two things and our defense would make good improvements."

Overall, Gaughran feels good about the team. He believes that hard work pays off, that if the team executes according to plans, they'll receive the wins they deserve. He believes teamwork is the key to successful performance.

"We experienced really good teamwork this season," Gaughran said. "The guys have really come together. It started off being individual. They're now really supportive of each other and not blaming each other for mistakes. In the past, we didn't have that comradery."

Delvaux said his great satisfaction is "know-

ing that we can win if we play together. We've already upset 3 out of 4 really good teams."

Ahmadi added, "Everybody's improved with every practice."

Assistant coach Everett Uchiyama said the big difference between last year's 6-22 losing record and this season is the fact that they have more players. "We've got 13 freshman and three sophomores out there. Last year we only had eight players."

Because of the returning freshmen, the team projects big wins for next season. Gaughran said, "We could very easily be in the top three in our conference."

Gaughran plans on rejoining the coaching staff next year as an assistant to his father, Bob Gaughran, who will be returning from his sabbatical.

Delvaux enjoyed having Gaughran as a first-time head coach for the season. "He was really excited, Delvaux said of Gaughran, "which made us excited. We've done more things in practice that what we've done before."

Gaughran said, "I have strong feelings for the program. It's a great facility, and there's no reason why we can't get back on top. It's just going to take hard work and getting strong players who want to play. And we can do it."

Rancho's last home game before attending the Orange Empire conference tournament is today at 3:30 p.m. Rancho's record prior to the game is 10-12.



## GRID-WIRE

# Hapless Dons drop fourth straight, 51-17

By Ev Phillips  
el Don Staff Writer

PASADENA - Dave Ogas, Rancho Santiago Head Football Coach, was fit to be tied Saturday night following his team's crushing 51-17 Mission Conference defeat at the hands of Pasadena City College Lancers. And with good reason.

He had just seen his Dons jump out to a 17-6 first quarter lead, then give up 45 unanswered points in a game that confirmed his worst fears: this team, after an impressive 49-0 season-opening win against a suspect San Diego Mesa squad but losers of four straight since then, appears to lack the depth and consistency - especially on defense - to be a serious contender in the tough Central Division race which starts this week.

Before the game against the 4-1 Lancers - ranked fifth in the Southland Poll and 10th in California - Ogas was optimistic about the Dons' chances. "We've got a real good ball club but we just keep shooting ourselves in the foot. We've had another great week of practice and the players have really taken it upon themselves to regroup after last week." Ogas was referring to the three easy touchdowns the Dons had allowed in less than two minutes of the first quarter in a 22-12 home loss to previously-winless Long Beach City College.

For a while Saturday, things were looking up. After surviving an opening Lancer drive

which ended in a missed field goal from the RSC 26, QB Rich Fanti drove the Dons 74 yards in 6 plays for a touchdown to give RSC a 7-0 lead with 9:48 left in the first quarter. For the rifle-armed Fanti, it was his 24th career TD toss, tying a school record set by Dave Money in 1983 and 1984.

Following David Knorr's kickoff, the Dons had Pasadena pinned down on a fourth and 16 at the Lancer 25. But, just as they had two weeks earlier in a 48-33 loss to El Camino, the Dons got burned on a fake punt. This time, Lancer reserve QB Brendan Curtin threw to a wide-open Charles Carr in the left flat, and Carr rambled 31 yards to the Dons' 44 and a first down. Four plays later, Lancer QB James Malbarough scored the tying touchdown on a five-yard keeper. The PAT was wide, so RSC still led 7-6.

The Dons came right back on a kickoff return by Acen Chiles to the RSC 35. Fanti then found Tony Pena over the middle for 35 yards and Juan Acuna for 17 more at the Pasadena 23. The drive bogged down, but Knorr split the uprights with a 42-yard field goal to increase the Dons' margin to 10-6 with 2:14 left in the quarter.

Following a clipping penalty on the ensuing kickoff, the Lancers had to start from their own five. On a second and five at the ten yard line, Don cornerback Michael Jennings intercepted a Malbarough lateral pass and waltzed into the end zone for another TD and the Dons upped their lead to 17-6.

Inexplicably, they would not be heard from again.

On the next series, the Lancers came to life. Behind the outside running of Derrick Holmes, the inside pounding of Lamonte Peters and the pass-catching of highly-touted tight end Ryan McGrath, Pasadena moved the ball to the RSC 19 early in the second quarter. But the Dons, behind defensive stalwarts Alofa Vaena and Isaac Alo, forced the Lancers back to the RSC 37 and a crucial third and 28. QB Malbarough, eluding a host of Don tacklers, lofted a high desperation pass into the end zone. Wide receiver Aggi May made the catch for the TD and the Lancers were on their way. It was the beginning of the end for the Dons.

Following a two-point conversion, it was 17-14 Dons when Kevin Gillian fumbled the Lancer kickoff out of bounds at the RSC one. Unable to get anything going, the Dons faced a fourth down at their own six. Punting from the end zone, Knorr had his kick blocked by the Lancers' Gerald Caruthers, and Tyronne Starling fell on the loose ball for another Pasadena touchdown. After the PAT, the hosts led for the first time, 21-17. Near the end of the half, Fanti was intercepted at the RSC 26. Four plays later, Gregory Robinson caught a Malbarough pass for a 13-yard TD and the Lancers led at the intermission, 28-17.

When the second half opened, the Dons gave it one more shot. Chiles ran the kickoff back 55 yards to the Lancer 43. Fanti fired a 29-yard strike to Tony Pena at the seven, but the drive ended there when Ripley was stopped for a loss on a questionable fourth down draw play which the Dons spent two timeouts concocting.

The Lancers then iced the game, driving 88 yards - 50 on a Malbarough-to-McGrath

pass play - for an insurmountable 35-17 lead.

For the first time this season, the Dons lost the statistical battle. Pasadena racked up 554 yards in total offense to the Dons' 346, led RSC in first downs 23-19, and had a 33:09 to 26:51 advantage in time of possession.

The Dons (1-4) must now prepare for Saturday's Central Division opener against defending champion Orange Coast. The Pirates (5-0) enter the 7 p.m. game at Eddie West Field ranked No. 1 in this week's Southland Poll.

But RSC could surprise. Injured team captains Scott Strini and Gary Bladow, both out for the Pasadena game, should be back to bolster the Dons' porous defense. From there it's a matter of ifs. If the rest of the team is healthy, if the special teams don't break down, if they can avoid costly turnovers and mental mistakes, and if Fanti & Co. have a big game on offense, the Dons could make the Pirates walk the plank. Unfortunately for Rancho, that's a lot of ifs. Just ask Dave Ogas.

Pasadena City 55, Rancho Santiago 17

Rancho Santiago	17	0	0	0	-17
Pasadena City	6	22	14	9	-51

#### FIRST QUARTER

RS - Dixon 14 pass from Fanti (Knorr kick) 9:48  
PC - Malbarough 4 run (kick failed) 5:02  
RS - FG Knorr 42 2:14  
RS - Jennings 8 interception return (Knorr kick) 1:25

#### SECOND QUARTER

PC - May 37 pass from Malbarough (Malbarough pass from Holmes) 12:53  
PC - Starling recovered blocked punt in end zone (Martin kick) 11:13  
PC - Robinson 13 pass from Malbarough (Martin kick) 1:41

#### THIRD QUARTER

PC - Malbarough 5 run (Martin kick) 9:41  
PC - Malbarough 3 run (Martin kick) 0:51

#### FOURTH QUARTER

PC - Safety, Corbin downed blocked punt in end zone 9:33  
PC - Kirby 11 run (Martin kick) 0:25

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